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1. Ore loading facilities at San Juan Bay, Peru, are in operation and shipments for the month of May 1953 should total approximately 60 thousand tons, all of which is going to US east coast ports for use in US steel mills. Blending equipment is not yet in operation, so mineral content of the ore being shipped is not uniform, but averages above 60% ferrous content.
2. The original 20-year contract for exploitation of the Marcona deposit has been extended to 30 years.
3. Loading has been somewhat hampered by the large swells in the unprotected bay. Mooring buoys and dolphins have been installed to prevent ships from damaging the pier. All of the superstructure of the loading pier is not yet in place, so ships must be warped back and forth along the pier to bring each hold in position for loading. Construction of the pier has been somewhat delayed because penetration of the piles was greater than estimated, necessitating considerable welding and importation of additional steel piling. A concrete deck has been added to the pier. No dredging was required in the bay.
4. The 15 mile road from the pier to the mine has been widened and straightened and paved to a width of approximately 30 ft. Two lanes of heavy truck traffic can be accommodated without difficulty.

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